

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Language Arts 600 Fundamentals



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Language Arts 600 Fundamentals Course Overview

Language Arts 600 Fundamentals provides foundational development and integration of communication skills in four major areas—reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Students will develop their reading skills, including the identification of main ideas, supporting details, sequence, and facts and opinions. Writing skills will develop students’ understanding of sentence structure, providing hands-on experience with subject-verb agreement, participles, and phrases emphasizing parts of speech and their roles. Projects give students the opportunity to develop their abilities in writing paragraphs, business letters, poetry, and short stories including planning, organizing, writing, and revising a report.

This course specifically focuses on deepening and furthering students' understanding in the following ways:

- **Unit 1:** Use understanding of parts of speech to identify words within a sentence and classify types of sentences
- **Unit 2:** Identify and use correct parts of speech and construct sentences without fragments
- **Unit 3:** Use comprehension skills to analyze a text and examine passages and graphs critically to determine specific information and to check reliability
- **Unit 4:** Use their writing skills to produce an autobiography, a business letter, and a researched report
- **Unit 5:** Analyze new reports for bias and come to their own conclusions and recognize propaganda and its purposes
- **Unit 6:** Identify and analyze different literary forms, including, poetry, fables, biography, and autobiography and prepare and deliver an oral presentation
- **Unit 7:** Use comprehension skills to demonstrate understanding of a story, recognize the attributes of great literature and gather information from stories and articles
- **Unit 8:** Analyze the characteristics of poetry, including rhythm, pattern, central idea, and economy of words and write original poems using the characteristics they have studied
- **Unit 9:** Describe and identify the four basic elements of drama: character, setting, plot, and theme, define literary terms and use listening skills to take notes and process auditory information
- **Unit 10:** Review all skills learned in reading comprehension, writing, listening, and speaking

Unit 1: Elements of Grammar	
Assignments	
1. Course Overview	13. Adverbs
2. The Sentence	14. Spelling Lesson Three
3. Sentence Types	15. Quiz 3: Adjectives and Adverbs
4. Spelling Lesson One	16. Spelling Quiz 3
5. Quiz 1: The Sentence	17. Pronouns
6. Spelling Quiz 1	18. Prepositions
7. Nouns	19. Conjunctions and Interjections
8. Verbs	20. Quiz 4: Pronouns to Interjections
9. Spelling Lesson Two	21. Special Project*
10. Quiz 2: Nouns and Verbs	22. Test
11. Spelling Quiz 2	23. Alternate Test*
12. Adjectives	24. Glossary and Credits

Unit 2: Grammar Usage		
Language Arts 600 Fundamentals	Assignments	
	1. Capitalization	14. Using Auxiliary Verbs, Verb Phrases, and Contractions
	2. Punctuation	15. Spelling Lesson Three
	3. Spelling Lesson One	16. Quiz 3: Verbs--Person/Number, Tense, Auxiliaries
	4. Quiz 1: Capitalization and Punctuation	17. Spelling Quiz 3
	5. Spelling Quiz 1	18. Effective Sentences: Using Adjectives and Adverbs
	6. Word Parts	19. Effective Sentences: Avoiding Fragments and Wordiness
	7. Word Parts: Exercises*	20. Quiz 4: Effective Sentences
	8. Synonyms, Antonyms, and Idioms	21. Special Project*
	9. Spelling Lesson Two	22. Test
	10. Quiz 2: Word Parts; Synonyms, Antonyms, and Idioms	23. Alternate Test*
	11. Spelling Quiz 2	24. Glossary and Credits
	12. Person and Number of Verbs	
	13. Principal Parts of Verbs	
Unit 3: Reading Skills		
Language Arts 600 Fundamentals	Assignments	
	1. Developing Reading Skills	13. Project: Book Report -- Short Story*
	2. Reading to Develop Vocabulary	14. Analyzing Story Structure
	3. Spelling Lesson One	15. Comparing and Contrasting Stories
	4. Quiz 1: Developing Reading Skills and Vocabulary	16. Project: Application
	5. Spelling Quiz 1	17. Spelling Lesson Three
	6. Reading to Find Relationships	18. Quiz 3: Analyzing Story Structure; Comparing and Contrasting Stories
	7. Reading to Comprehend (1)	19. Spelling Quiz 3
	8. Reading to Comprehend (2)	20. Special Project*
	9. Spelling Lesson Two	21. Test
	10. Quiz 2: Reading to Find Relationships; Comprehension	22. Alternate Test*
	11. Spelling Quiz 2	23. Glossary and Credits
	12. Reading Critically	
Unit 4: Writing Skills		
Language Arts 600 Fundamentals	Assignments	
	1. Paragraph Writing	13. Project: Outline
	2. Essay: Paragraph	14. Spelling Lesson Two
	3. Essay: Autobiography*	15. Spelling Quiz 2
	4. Business Letters	16. Writing the Report
	5. Project: Business Letter	17. Essay: Final Report
	6. Report Writing: Preparation	18. Spelling Lesson Three
	7. Spelling Lesson One	19. Quiz 2: Preparing and Writing a Report
	8. Quiz 1: Writing Paragraphs to Report Preparation	20. Spelling Quiz 3
	9. Spelling Quiz 1	21. Special Project*
	10. Report Writing: Researching	22. Test
	11. Project: Note Taking	23. Alternate Test*
	12. Outlining	24. Glossary and Credits

Language Arts 600 Fundamentals	Unit 5: Newspapers and Propaganda	
	Assignments	
	1. The Newspaper	12. Spelling Quiz 2
	2. Distinguishing Fact from Opinion	13. Recognizing Propaganda
	3. Report: Newspapers Today	14. Project: Propaganda
	4. Analyzing a News Story	15. Essay: Propaganda
	5. Report: News Story	16. Quiz 2: Propaganda
	6. Spelling Lesson One	17. Spelling Lesson Three
	7. Quiz 1: Newspapers	18. Spelling Quiz 3
	8. Spelling Quiz 1	19. Special Project*
9. Propaganda	20. Test	
10. Project: Advertisement	21. Alternate Test*	
11. Spelling Lesson Two	22. Glossary and Credits	

Language Arts 600 Fundamentals	Unit 6: Literary Forms	
	Assignments	
	1.	Spelling Lesson One
	2.	Spelling Quiz 1
	3.	Poetry
	4.	Prose Fiction (1)
	5.	Prose Fiction (2)
	6.	Spelling Lesson Two
	7.	Quiz 1: Literary Forms
	8.	Spelling Quiz 2
	9.	Prose Nonfiction
	10.	Mood
	11.	Report: Persuasive Oral Presentation
	12.	Spelling Lesson Three
	13.	Quiz 2: Literary Forms and Mood
	14.	Spelling Quiz 3
	15.	Special Report*
	16.	Test
17.	Alternate Test*	
18.	Glossary and Credits	

Language Arts 600 Fundamentals	Unit 7: Reading for a Purpose	
	Assignments	
	1. Judging a Book	12. Spelling Quiz 2
	2. Short Story: The Magic Weaver	13. Reading for Inspiration (1)
	3. Spelling Lesson One	14. Reading for Inspiration (2)
	4. Quiz 1: Judging a book; The Magic Weaver	15. Spelling Lesson Three
	5. Spelling Quiz 1	16. Quiz 3: Reading for Inspiration
	6. Reading for Information	17. Spelling Quiz 3
	7. Organizing Details	18. Special Project*
	8. Project: Outline*	19. Test
9. Report: Sheepherding	20. Alternate Test*	
10. Spelling Lesson Two	21. Glossary and Credits	
11. Quiz 2: Reading for Information		

Unit 8: Poetry		
Language Arts 600 Fundamentals	Assignments	
	1. Characteristics of Poetry	16. Essay: Pen Picture
	2. Free Verse	17. Poetic Forms (2)
	3. Project: Youthfulness*	18. Essay: Cinquain and Shaped Poems
	4. Spelling Lesson One	19. Spelling Lesson Three
	5. Quiz 1: Poetic Characteristics	20. Quiz 3: Poetic Forms
	6. Spelling Quiz 1	21. Spelling Quiz 3
	7. Synonyms and Similes	22. Musical Poems
	8. Metaphors	23. Report: Lullabies
	9. Project: Metaphors	24. Word Play
	10. Poetic Devices	25. Project: Limericks
	11. Essay: Invented Words	26. Quiz 4: Musical Poems
	12. Spelling Lesson Two	27. Special Project*
	13. Quiz 2: Figures of Speech	28. Test
	14. Spelling Quiz 2	29. Alternate Test*
	15. Poetic Forms (1)	30. Glossary and Credits
Unit 9: Elements of Drama and Listening		
Language Arts 600 Fundamentals	Assignments	
	1. The Elements of Drama	11. Quiz 2: Dictionary Use and Listening to Summarize
	2. Literary Terms	12. Spelling Quiz 2
	3. Listening Effectively	13. Plurals, Apostrophes, and Conjunctions
	4. Project: Effective Listening	14. Spelling Lesson Three
	5. Spelling Lesson One	15. Quiz 3: Plurals, Apostrophes, and Conjunctions
	6. Quiz 1: Drama and Listening	16. Spelling Quiz 3
	7. Spelling Quiz 1	17. Special Project*
	8. The Dictionary and Thesaurus	18. Test
	9. Listening and Summarizing	19. Alternate Test*
	10. Spelling Lesson Two	20. Glossary and Credits
Unit 10: Review		
Language Arts 600 Fundamentals	Assignments	
	1. Patterns in Language	11. Communication (1)
	2. Capitalization and Punctuation	12. Project: Advertising
	3. Quiz 1: Language Patterns; Capitalization and Punctuation	13. Essay: The President's Thoughts*
	4. Organization in Literary Forms	14. Communication (2)
	5. Quiz 2: Organization in Literary Forms	15. Project: Newspaper*
	6. Essay: Short Story	16. Quiz 4: Communication and its Purposes
	7. Literary Forms: Fiction	17. Special Project*
	8. Essay: Fish Story*	18. Test
	9. Literary Forms: Nonfiction and Poetry	19. Alternate Test*
	10. Quiz 3: Literary Forms	20. Glossary and Credits

(*) Indicates alternative assignment